

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A [[W]]water-permeable ground covering (1) for application to a substratum, ~~wherein the ground covering comprising:~~

a multi-layered structure with a superstructure and a substructure,
the substructure having a substratum side, a superstructure side, and a layer of sand on the substratum side,

the superstructure (6) of the ground covering (1) is being a combination of compacted, mineral aggregates and organic binding materials, ~~characterised in that the ground covering (1) has a multi-layered structure with a superstructure and a substructure (6 and 2 respectively), with~~

wherein the substructure (2) having comprises at least one layer of sand (4) on the substratum side and a layer of ballast (5) on the superstructure side, the layer of ballast having undersize particles, the an average size $k_{ballast}$ of the undersize particles of which amounting to 5 mm or more, the layers of the superstructure and the substructure being connected together by bonding.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The [[G]]ground covering according to claim 1, one of the preceding claims, characterised in that wherein the a granulation of the mineral aggregates k_z amounts to 1 to 7 mm.

4. (Currently Amended) The [[G]]ground covering according to claim 1, one of the preceding claims, characterised in that wherein the an average layer thickness d_o of the superstructure (6) amounts to 30 to 60 mm.

5. (Currently Amended) The [[G]]ground covering according to claim 1, one of the preceding claims, characterised in that wherein the a voidage of the superstructure (6) amounts to up to 45%.

6. (Currently Amended) The [[G]]ground covering according to claim 1, ~~one of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~ wherein the mineral aggregates comprise a selection of quartzite, granite, basalt and quartz.

7. (Currently Amended) The [[G]]ground covering according to claim 1, ~~one of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~ wherein the mineral aggregates ~~have~~ comprise a narrow grain-size distribution, with ~~the~~ an average size d_k of the grain amounting to a range selected from a group consisting of ~~between~~ 1 to 3 mm, 2 to 3 mm, 2 to 4 mm, 2 to 5 mm ~~or~~ and 3 to 7 mm.

8. (Currently Amended) The [[G]]ground covering according to claim 1, ~~one of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~ wherein the mineral aggregates ~~have~~ comprise a mixture of round grain and at least a proportion of 20% angular grain.

9. (Currently Amended) The [[G]]ground covering according to claim 1, ~~one of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~ wherein the organic binding materials ~~is~~ are selected from the group consisting of a two-component epoxy resin binding material, ~~or~~ a one-component polyurethane binding material, and ~~or~~ a two-component polyurethane binding material.

10. (Currently Amended) The [[G]]ground covering according to claim 1, ~~one of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~ wherein a proportion of the mineral aggregates of the superstructure ~~(6)~~ are coloured and the proportion preferably consists of quartz sand.

11. (Currently Amended) The [[G]]ground covering according to claim 1, ~~one of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~ wherein ~~the~~ an average layer thickness d_{sand} of the ~~compacted~~ layer of sand ~~(4)~~ amounts to at least 20 mm.

12. (Currently Amended) The [[G]]ground covering according to claim 1, ~~one of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~ wherein the layer of ballast ~~(5)~~ has comprises undersize particles, ~~whose~~ an average size $k_{uballast}$ of the undersize particles amounts to 5 mm or more.

13. (Currently Amended) The [[G]]ground covering according to claim 1, ~~one of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~ wherein the average grain size $k_{ballast}$ of the layer of ballast (5) lies in a range ~~between~~ selected from a group consisting of 5 to 16 mm, 16 to 22 mm or and 16 to 32 mm.

14. (Currently Amended) The [[G]]ground covering according to claim 1, ~~one of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~ wherein the an average layer thickness d_s of the layer of ballast (5) amounts to 400 to 500 mm.

15. (Currently Amended) A [[M]]method ~~for~~ of producing a ground covering according to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterised by the following method steps comprising:~~

~~application of~~ applying a layer of still deformable mixture of binding material and sand to ~~the a~~ a substratum (3);

~~compacting of the binding material/sand mixture,~~ layer of still deformable mixture of binding material and sand;

~~application of~~ applying a layer of still deformable mixture of binding material and ballast (5) to ~~the layer of sand (4),~~ the layer of mixture of binding material and sand;

~~application of~~ applying the an upper layer consisting of a still deformable mixture of aggregates and binding material to ~~the layer applied last,~~ the layer of mixture of binding material and ballast;

~~compacting of the still deformable mixture,~~ the upper layer of still deformable mixture of aggregates and binding material; and

hardening of the layers.

16. (Currently Amended) The [[M]]method according to claim 15, ~~characterised in that the superstructure (6) is applied to the substructure (2) even before the layer of the substructure (2) on the superstructure side~~ wherein the upper layer of mixture of aggregates and binding material is applied to the layer of mixture of binding material and ballast before the layer of mixture of binding material and ballast has completely hardened.

17. **(Currently Amended)** The [[M]]method according to claim 15, ~~or 16,~~
~~characterised in that~~ wherein a layer of sand (4) is applied after the layer of mixture of
binding material and ballast ~~of ballast (5)~~ has been applied.

18. **(Currently Amended)** The [[M]]method according to ~~one of the claim~~[[s]] 15,
~~to 17, characterised in that~~ wherein before the layer of mixture of binding material and ballast
of ballast (5) is applied to the layer of mixture of binding material and sand ~~of sand (4)~~, a
layer of binding material is applied to the layer of mixture of binding material and sand ~~of~~
~~sand, for example by spraying.~~

19. **(Currently Amended)** The [[M]]method according to ~~one of the claim~~[[s]] 15,
~~to 18, characterised in that~~ wherein before the upper layer of mixture of aggregates and
binding material ~~superstructure (6)~~ is applied to the layer of mixture of binding material and
ballast ~~of ballast (5)~~, a layer of binding material is applied to the layer of mixture of binding
material and ballast ~~ballast (5)~~, ~~for example by spraying.~~

20. **(Currently Amended)** The [[M]]method according to claim 18, ~~or 19,~~
~~characterised in that the~~ wherein a depth of penetration t of the layer of binding material
amounts to at least 150 mm.

21. **(New)** The method according to claim 19, wherein a depth of penetration t of the
layer of binding material amounts to at least 150 mm.